Subject No. 136.

Kerebandi system should be revived.

Summary of discussion.—The system of Kerebandis should be revived. They were useful in throwing earth on tank bunds and thus maintaining them to standard height.

Dewan's reply.—The Kerebandis seldom did their work and when they did it, they did not do it well. The Inams have been enfranchised, and it is doubtful that any good will accrue by restoring the system.

Subject No. 137.

Boundary marks should be constructed of stone, instead of earthen mounds.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats should be allowed to construct boundary marks of stone of prescribed dimensions in their wet lands. The present earthen mounds are difficult to maintain in marshy ground, and often shelter vermin which destroy the crops.

Note.—A similar application was made by a Representative from Sidlaghatta Taluk (Kolar District) in respect of Bandhs on dry lands.

Dewan's reply.—In Taluks which are being surveyed, option has been given to substitute stone marks of prescribed dimensions for earthen mounds in wet lands. But there are grave objections to the measure, as stone marks are so easily displaced. The substitution of these stones, where Bandh marks have been put up in Taluks already surveyed and settled, would not moreover be expedient except where all the landholders under a large irrigation work agree and unanimously ask for it. The proposal to supersede earthen mounds by cut stones in dry crop-lands is absurd. In all cases whether the land is dry or wet, nothing is easier than to make the Bandhs of rough stones closely packed.

Subject No. 138.

Mohatarfa on sites not built upon.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats are asked to pay Mohatarfa on house sites belonging to them, but on which they have not built houses. This is hard.

Dewan's reply.—There is no order justifying this. On the one hand it is wrong to assess house-tax when there is no house. It is equally wrong on the other hand to keep sites without building on them, and as is often the case without keeping them clean and tidy. Inquiries will be made regarding the wrong assessment.

Subject No. 139.

Tangadi leaves should be granted free for manure.

Summary of discussion.—Leaves of the Tangadi plant should be allowed to be taken free for manuring fields. The Forest Department object to this.